

## BANDITS IN AUTO BLOCK ROADWAY; SALESMAN ROBBED

**First Ruse to Secure Victim Fails, But Second Attempt Nets \$150 Collected by Driver of Car**

The road blocked by a heavy automobile parked crosswise, and further progress forbidden by two highwaymen, one armed with a pistol, the other with a club, M. I. McPherson, salesman-driver of a Shelby Biscuit company truck was forced to surrender \$150 in C. O. D. collections Thursday afternoon near the intersection of Summer avenues, Highland Heights.

to block a roadway and hold up the occupants of a motor vehicle. The first attempt Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. was unsuccessful. It occurred at the point where the Pasadena split along each side of the Speedway near the Snowden school. A car blocked the south roadway, as a negro chauffeur, driving a woman and several children, approached. The chauffeur sensed danger, and as the two men, one armed with a pistol and the other with a club, sprang before him, he turned the car on gas and sped down the dirt track of the Speedway, escaping.

Sheriff Perry and Deputy M. W. Palmer, coming from Bartlett, saw a Ford car speeding toward the city limits after

thought nothing wrong until they reached the sheriff's office and got report of the attempted hold-up. The car in the first case was a Ford. McPherson told the sheriff the highwaymen blocked the road Thursday with an old Cadillac, bearing wooden numbers.

Another man and a woman occupied the back seat of the Cadillac, McPherson said. They acted either drunk or

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Only a partial agreement was reached between the freight rate and volume limited carriers and shippers of the Mississippi valley and the carriers, which met jointly at Chicago Wednesday. The freight effort was to come to an agreement upon new

The committee found it impossible to agree upon basis classes rated from California to Mississippi valley points, but they were unable to agree on differentials from Calro to Northern and

On the first-class rate from Cairo to Memphis, the present rate for which is 62½ cents, the shippers' committee proposed 78 cents, and the carriers' committee asked 90 cents. A tentative agreement was reached on 83 cents. No agreement could be reached on the differential to St. Louis. The shippers agreed under protest to accept a Memphis-St. Louis rate of \$1.11, the first proposal being \$1. The carriers asked \$1.18.

The meeting of the committees was said to have been entirely harmonious, but upon failure to reach an agreement

A. J. McGehee, of Jackson, Tenn., who represented the shippers on the committee at Chicago, returned to Memphis Friday and immediately began preparing a statement to show that the proposed rates were not adequate to meet the necessities of the railroads and that the rates proposed by the carriers are in excess of the requirements of the shippers.

T. S. Jackson, member of the shipper's committee from Hattiesburg, Miss., while in Chicago, caught his foot in a trap set by the carriers and was unable to return to his home in New Orleans, is expected to arrive in Memphis Saturday.

The shippers' committee has asked for a private conference with Communist Daniel in Washington on Tuesday or Wednesday.

**TV. J SEEK DAMAGES.**  
As a result of a collision of automobiles on May 15, L. E. Brewer filed suit in circuit court Friday asking \$2,500 damages from E. S. Madden, Ed Pat-

person filed suit for \$1,000 damages against the Commonwealth Casualty company, declaring that they had not lived up to the letter of their accident policy which he carried.

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## THE WEATHER

Twenty-four hours to noon May 21			
Temperature			
Hour—	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Humidity
7 p.m. yesterday	79	72	77
7 a.m. today	80	66	80
Noon today	79	73	77
Maximum	80	..	..
Minimum	67	..	..
Sun sets today 7:01 p.m. Rises tomorrow			

Tennessee—Fair, little change in temperature.  
Mississippi—Generally fair.  
Arkansas—Partly cloudy.  
Kentucky—Fair, little change in temperature.

North Carolina—Generally cloudy, probably showers.  
South Carolina, Georgia and Florida—Fair.  
Alabama—Generally fair.  
Louisiana—Fair, not much change in temperature.  
Oklahoma—Increasing cloudiness.  
East Texas—Partly cloudy, probably showers in Southwest.  
West Texas—Partly cloudy, scattered showers.